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— of the —

123rd Annual Session

— of the —

Abbotts Creek Union Primitive Baptist Association

— Held with —

TOM'S CREEK CHURCH

Davidson County, North Carolina

August 21, 22, 23,

1948

OFFICERS

JESSE TROGDEN - Moderator	R 3, Asheboro, N. C.
R. L. COMER - Clerk	R 2, Carthage, N. C.
R. D. COMER, Ass't. Clerk	Cameron, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 123rd ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH TOM'S CREEK CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, AUGUST 21, 22, 23, 1948

1. After praise and prayer by Elder M. F. Westbrook, from the Seven Mile Association. Elder D. R. Pyrtle preached the Introductory Sermon, text, Isa. 40:6-8.

2. After one hour intermission the Messengers from the several churches met in the house and proceeded to business. The Messengers were seated and the letters were read and contents noted.

3. Called for petitionary letters, none presented.

4. Ommitted reading Rules of Decorum.

5. Brother Jesse Trogdon was elected Moderator.

6. Brother R. L. Comer was elected Clerk, and Brother R. D. Comer, Assistant Clerk.

7. Invited visiting Elders and Messengers to seats. The following were present and seated. Called for Correspondence:

Black Creek: None.

Bear Creek: Brother Lester Williams, Elder Whitley, and others.

Contentnea: None.

Elkhorn: None.

Lower Country Line: A. J. Hill.

Lower Mayo: Elds. Emmett Stone, Layton Wingfield, Zeb Rhodes.

Little River: Elder W. H. Freeman, Brother Wade Brown and wife.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. W. Beasley, J. F. Boles, Sam White, Edd Hall, Bros. Jesse Edwards, George Throckmorton, R. F. Cox, and others.

Mill Branch: Bros. S. G. Norris, and Carl Wright.

New River: None.

Pigg River: None.

Staunton River: None.

Salem: Bros. Lester Wood, Judson Wray and wife, Elders Z. L. Rhue, and wife, S. J. Reich, George Hill.

Seven Mile: Elder M. F. Westbrook, Brother N. T. Whittington. Brother B. L. Godwin.

Upper Country Line: Elder W. C. King and wife.

White Oak: Moved and seconded that White Oak not be seated because of their disorder.

Smith River: Elders B. H. Martin, L. I. Gilbert and others.

8. Elders J. F. Boles and D. G. Staples were sent to the stand to preach.

9. It was agreed for the Moderator to make the temporary appointments.

10. Committee on arrangements, Brothers Lee Snider, C. O. Lanier and Lewis Yates.

11. Preaching Committee, Brothers R. F. Snider and J. N. Trogdon.

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12. Committee on Finance, Brothers W. N. Lanier and Lonnie Dunn.

13. Called for Circular Letter.

14. The Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock, preaching to begin at 10: o'clock Sunday morning.

MONDAY MORNING:

15. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder Jesse Dunbar.

16. Called Messengers and noted absentees. Absentees excused.

17. Agreed to have 1000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the several churches.

18. Report from the several Committees; report received and Committee discharged.

19. Messengers were appointed to the following Associations:

Black Creek: Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Bear Creek: Brother C. O. Gallimore, W. L. Young, Jesse Trogdon and Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Contentnea: Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Elkhorn: Brother Jesse Trogdon.
Gallimore.

Kehukee: Elders W. E. Jarrell, S. T. Atkinson, and Brother C. O.

Lower Country Line: Elders W. E. Jarrell, S. T. Atkinson, and Brother C. O. Gallimore.

Lower Mayo: Brother C. O. Lanier, Elder W. E. Jarrell, Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Little River: Brother Jesse Trogdon, and Elder W. E. Jarrell and S. T. Atkinson.

Laurel Springs: Brothers Jesse Trogdon, C. O. Gallimore and Brother Young.

Mill Branch: Elder S. T. Atkinson, and Brother C. O. Gallimore.

New River:Brother W. L. Young.

Pigg River: Elder W. E. Jarrell.

Salem: Brother R. L. Comer and wife, Jesse Trogdon, G. L. Beck, and Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Staunton River: Brother C O. Gallimore.

Seven Mile: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Upper Country Line: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Brother Jesse Trogdon.
White Oak: Minutes.

20. The Circular Letter was read and aproved and ordered printed in our Minutes. Also agreed that Elder W. E. Jarrell write the Circular Letter for next year.

21. Moved and seconded that Elder W. E. Jarrell preach the Introductory Sermon next year and Elder S. T. Atkinson, alternate.

22. It was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Pierce's Chapel, 15 miles west of Asheboro, N. C. Turn at Wood's Store on Highway 64, Randolph County, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949 through Sunday and Monday.

23. Agreed that we express our sincere thanks to Almighty God

for His wonderful blessings and mercy towards us during our meeting together, and also, we wish to express our thanks to the friends of this community for their help and kindness.

24. Financial Report:

Sent in from churches	$150.50
Gifts from brethren sisters and friends	119.20
Carried over from last year	75.50
Total	$345.20
Gave to visiting ministers	131.50
For printing and mailing Minutes	50.00
Balance in hands of Clerk	$163.70

ORDER OF PREACHING

SATURDAY MORNING:

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder D. R. Pyrtle.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder J. F. Boles followed by Elder D. G. Staples, text, Psa. 81:10.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder W. C. Whitley, from Bear Creek Association opened services by song and prayer, followed by Elder Emmett Stone, text, John 1:15, followed by Elder J. W. Beasley, no special text, followed by Elder Zennie Rhue, text, Luke 1. Intermission of one hour was given.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder M. F. Westbrook, Job 28: "Where does wisdom come from?" followed by Elder W. C. King, text 1 Tim. 2:8, followed by L. I. Gilbert, "Take no thought what ye shall say" followed by Elder Allen from Bear Creek Association, text 2 Pet. 1:

MONDAY MORNING:

Elder O. J. Denny; Clerk failed to get text, followed by N. L. Gilbert, text, "My Gospel shall be preached," followed by Elder Jesse Dunbar, failed to get text, followed by Elder George Hill, Tim. 4: Meeting was dismissd by Elder S. J. Reich delivering benediction.

CIRCULAR LETTER

As I begin this letter to the Association, I will say that I have been wondering for some time what I would say in writing to my brethren which would be of benefit to them. As it is just about one month until our Association convenes, I am as weak and unfit to write a word of truth today as I was the day I was requested to write to you. Yet, as I sit here in my poor home and try in my weak way to do this which I feel I cannot do, and do not know how to do, I feel that the only true and living God is able to enlighten me and to do for me that which I cannot do.

I have a desire to pray to God for peace and fellowship in the house of God, and to soften our hard and stony hearts and to forgive me, a poor sinner and all the children of God, so that we may dwell together in peace and love whenever and wherever

we may meet together, and especially during our Association.

I know by the path and the way that I have been, that it is not in man to direct his steps. But that God of grace, who is full of understanding and love, has to undertake for us in all of our short-comings and place our feet upon that Rock, which is Christ the way, the truth, and the life. Without this great Deliverer we would be lost in this wicked world of sin which we see around us. This wickedness is in me sometimes and I feel that I am lost forever, that surely God has never known me, a vile sinner. Then sometimes, this never failing Spirit begins to transpire within me and then I have a desire to pray to God for His mercy and understanding. This feeling for the need of prayer is a gift of God just as the blessing itself is. God has the power to quicken our souls and make us afraid. By this way we are brought into the knowledge of God. And we no longer see ourselves as we were with the feeling that we were able to do for ourselves. But we are then made to feel that humbleness and we have a desire for God to deliver us and guide us. I feel this is the only way there is for a poor sinner to know God.

I see the greed of man like unto the hot sun which comes in the dry seasons of the year when it looks like it will surely kill and devour all which is in its reach. Man is greedy in nature, and selfish, he would take all for himself, and leave none for another. But when God's holy Spirit enters his soul, all of this is done away and the truth comes to life. Then we realize we had nothing to boast of, when there comes God's cool, peaceful showers after a hot dry sun has scorched the earth. The new buds come forth and you at once see God in His wisdom, which He purposed from, and before the foundation of the world. that His power would be manifested in time.

I believe God had just as much purpose in one of these adversities as the other. It is just His way of showing His all-prevailing power, when His time comes.

As I close this letter, my prayer is that God will give you the understanding of these words which I have written. I wish all of my brothers and sisters to remember me in their prayers, and let me live with them in peace. And I pray that God will always keep us in hope, that there will be a better home beyond this life. We believe that all things work together for good for them that love God. We know that we cannot love God within ourselves, that He first loved His children. It is not in man's weakness to do anything, even to love God. With this we feel that all power is in His hands and we are made to see Him in the true spirit of truth, then we are satisfied.

A brother in hope,
JAMES FULK

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder L. T. Tucker, R 2, Thomasville,N. C.
Elder W. E. Jarrell, R 2. Lexington, N. C.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, R 4, Box 17, High Point, N. C.

MINUTES TO CHURCH CLERKS

Tom's Creek—C. O. Gallimore, 5 Carmalt St., Thomasville, N. C. 60
Pine Meeting H.—W. L. Young, 957 S. Salisbury St., Lexington 40
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Bennett, N. C. 20
Gaines' Grove—C. S. Gaines, Golston, N. C. 35
Rock Hill—Jesse Trogdon, Asheboro, N. C., R 3 50
Pierce's Chapel—Elder W. E. Jarrell, R 2, Lexington, N. C. 35
Lexington—R. D. Snider, Lexington, N. C. 35
Lamm's Grove—R. L. Comer, R 2, Carthage, N. C. 60
Suggs Creek—Eneas Sikes, Asheboro, N. C. 50

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Monroe, N. C. 25
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, 107 W. Lee St., Wilson, N. C. 25
Contentnea—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C. 25
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. 15
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, R 2, Rocky Mt., N. C. 25
Little River—Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C. 25
Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. 15
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. 25
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Loris, S. C. 20
New River—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. 15
Pigg River—Elder J. D. Wood, R 5, Baltimore 7, Md..... 25
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Endicott, Va. 25
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, R 6, Winston-Salem, N. C. 25
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va. 20
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. 25
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C. 25
Zion—E. G. McKinney, R 3, Mt. Airy, N. C. 10

COMMUNION TIME, PASTORS & LAST ASSOCIATION

Tom's Creek—Elder D. R. Pyrtle; 4th Sunday in May 1941
Brush Creek—Eld. S. T. Atkinson; 2nd Sunday in July 1939
Gaines's Grove—Eld. E. H. Burchett; 3rd Sunday in May .. 1944
Pierce's Chapel—Eld. W. E. Jarrell; 2nd Sunday in August .. 1942
Lexington—Eld. L. T. Tucker; 1st Sunday in June 1933
Sugg's Creek—Eld. Z. L. Rhue; 2nd Sunday inMay.....1940
Pine Meeting H.—Eld. S. T. Atkinson; 2nd Sunday in June .. 1936
Rock-Hill—Eld. Z. L. Rhue; 3rd Sunday in June 1945
Lamm's Grove—Eld. S. T. Atkinson; 1st Sunday in March then quarterly 1943

CONSTITUTION

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus, received by faith alone which faith is productive of good works.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe baptism by immersion according to the scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust, and in the final judgment.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but as are regularly baptized and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only to sit as an advising council, and shall not impose any measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A Moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

3. Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the association.

4. Invite ministering brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any members in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the association for their decission for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.

7. During the sitting of the association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or talking in time of conference is to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except the Moderator, who shall vote only when the association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.

9. A majority shall decide on all matters which may come before them.

10. No query to be debated except sent from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangments.

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes distributed in proportion to the contribution.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendments when two-thirds of the association may think necessary.

13. The association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches and keep a regular record of the transaction of the association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Meeting Days	Received by Bap.	By Letter or Rel	Restored to Fel.	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Rock Hill	Lonnie Dunn, J. N. Trogdon, Ivey Dunn, W. H. Trogdon, alt. ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	$10.50
Tom's Creek	Lee Snider, C. O Lanier, Lewis Yates, James Fulk, alt.	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	40.75
Pine Meeting H.	W. M. Freeman, R. F. Snider, T. L. Beck, J. A. Mosley, alt.	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	30	26.00
Gaine's Grove ..	D. T. Gaines, A. D. Stutts, C. P. Phillips, C. S. Gaines, alt	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	14.00
Brush Creek	No report received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	3.00
Pierce's Chapel	Alice Pierce, Hattie Small, Alma Jarrell, Eld. W. E. Jarrell, alt..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	5.00
Lexington	H. F. Hunt, Sister Haskins, Sister Lawson, R. D. Snider, alt.....	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	9	10.00
Lamm's Grove..	R. D. Comer, R. E. Bryant, C. W. Anthony, D. M. Denny, alt.....	1	3	3	..	..	..	2	62	20.00
Sugg's Creek ...	W. N. Lanier, Eneas Sikes, George Davis	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	20.25
Big Creek	No report received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	.....
	Totals	..	8	3	..	..	1	3	95	150.50

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RANDOLPH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

August 27, 28, 29

— 1949 —

OFFICERS

JESSE TROGDON, Moderator ..... Route 3, Asheboro, N. C.
R. L. COMER, Clerk ..... Route 2, Carthage, N. C.
R. D. COMER, Assistant Clerk ..... Cameron, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 124TH SESSION OF THE

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HELD WITH PIERCE'S CHAPEL CHURCH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1949

1. After praise and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. E. Jarrell. Text Jeremiah 10:23.

2. After intermission of one hour the messengers from the several churches met in the house. Elder Z. L. Rhue opened the association with prayer.

3. The letters from the several churches were read and contents noted.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

5. Moved and seconded that the letters be received and the messengers seated.

6. Omitted reading Rules of Decorum.

7. Elected Brother Jesse Trogdon Moderator.

8. Elected Brother R. L. Comer Clerk and Brother R. D. Comer Assistant Clerk.

9. Invited visiting elders and messengers to seats. The following were present and seated.

From Contnea: None.

From Elkhorn: Elder James H. Gentry.

From Lower Country Line: Elder F. W. Rhodes, Brother A. J. Hill and Brother F. D. Long and wife.

From Lower Mayo: Elders Sam Gilbert, Jack Pulliam, N. B. Gilbert, and others.

From Bear Creek: Elders H. S. Wiliams, W. C. Whitley, and others.

Black Creek:: None.

From Upper Country Line: None.

From Laurel Springs: Elders Sam White, J. C. Dunbar, Edd Hall and others.

From Mill Branch: None.

From Pigg River: None.

From Staunton River: None.

From Salem: Elders G. W. Hill, D. R. Pyrtle, Z. L. Rhue, Frank Keaton, Brother Lester Wood and others.

From Seven Mile: Brothers B. L. Godwin and N. L. Whittington.

From Zion: None.

From Little River: None.

From New River: None.

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From White Oak: None.

From Smith River: Brother L. L. Castle.

From Mt. Enon of Florida: Sister A. I. Robertson, visitor.

10. Elder Frank Keaton and Elder Sam Gilbert were sent to the stand to preach.

11. It was agreed that the Moderator make temporary appointments.

12. The appointments were made as follows: Committee on Arrangements—Brother T. L. Beck, Brother R. D. Snider, and Brother Eneas Sikes.

13. Preaching Committee — Brother Lee Snider and Brother J. N. Trogdon.

Finance Committee—Brother W. M. Freeman and Brother Lonnie Dunn.

14. Called for Circular Letter, which was handed in and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

15. Agreed that the next session of the Abbott's Creek Association be held with the Oak Grove church, located on Highway No. 150 between Salisbury and Winston-Salem, and about one mile south of Churchland, Davidson county, N. C., to begin on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Aug., 1950.

It was agreed that Elder S. T. Atkinson preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. E. Jarrell, aternate.

16. It was moved and seconded that we adjourn until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 29

17. The association was opened by song and prayer by Elder F. W. Rhodes.

18. Called messengers' names and noted absentees.

19. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. The report was received and committee discharged.

20. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some reported, those who failed were excused.

21. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Seven Mile: Elders W. E. Jarrell and S. T. Atkinson.

To Bear Creek: Bro. W. N. Lanier and Elder W. E. Jarrell.

To Lower Mayo: Elder W. E. Jarrell and Elder S. T. Atkinson, Brother Jesse Trogdon and Brother Oscar Lanier.

To Upper Country Line: Elder W. E. Jarrell.

To Lower Country Line: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Elder S. T. Atkinson, and Brother Jesse Trogdon.

To Mill Branch: Elder W. E. Jarrell.

To Salem: Brother W. N. Lanier, Brother Jesse Trogdon, Brother C. O. Lanier, and Brother W. H. Trogdon.

To New River: Minutes.

To Elkhorn: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Brother Jesse Trogdon, and Brother W. N. Lanier.

To White Oak: Elder S. T. Atkinson, and Elder W. E. Jarrell.

To Staunton River: Minutes.

To Smith River: Elders W. E. Jarrell and S. T. Atkinson.

To Contentnea: Minutes.

To Little River: Elders S. T. Atkinson and W. E. Jarrell.

To Kehukee: Minutes.

To Laurel Springs: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Brother Jesse Trogdon, Brother C. O. Lanier, and Elder W. E. Jarrell.

To Zion: Minutes.

22. The circular letter was received, read and ordered printed in these minutes.

23. Appointed Brother Leo Snider to write the circular letter for our next association minutes.

24. Called on Finance Committee to report. The report was as follows:

Sent in from the churches		$147.75
Carried over from 1948		164.00
Given by brethren, sisters and friends		77.78
		$389.53
Divided among the Elders	$115.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	16.60	
Allowed for printing minutes	50.00	
	$181.60	$181.60
Balance in hands of clerk		$207.93

This report was received and the committee ordered held until the close of the association.

25. The clerk was ordered to have 1000 minutes printed and distributed.

26. Called on presbyteries to report. Oak Grove ordained Brother W. M. Freeman to the office of deacon.

27. It was agreed to publish the change of the name of Pine Meeting House to the name of Oak Grove Church.

28. Resolved, that we extend thanks to God for His wonderful blessings and mercies shown us during our association, and to the Pierce's Chapel Church and also for the many kindnesses shown by the brothers, sisters and friends in the community. Their kindness will long be remembered by all.

29. After the minutes were read and approved the association adjourned to the place and time appointed.

JESSE TROGDON, Moderator, Asheboro Rt. 3, N. C.
R. L. COMER, Clerk, Carthage Rt. 2, N. C.
R. D. COMER, Assistant Clerk, Cameron Rt. 1, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

SATURDAY EVENING

Elder Frank Keaton—Text, 130th Psalm.
Elder Sam Gilbert—Genesis 35:11.
Elder Sam White—Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree.
Elder R. D. Bell—Why is light given to man.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Clerk failed to get the record.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder F. W. Rhodes—Text Genesis 50:20.
Elder D. G. Staples—No special text..
Elder H. S. Williams—Resurrection of Jesus.
Elder W. H. Freeman—Text Jer. 18:2.

SUNDAY EVENING

Elder J. H. Gentry—Text, St. John 17:6.
Elder Z. L. Rhue—Romans 13:1.
Elder J. C. Dunbar—No special text.

MONDAY MORNING

Elder N. B. Gilbert—Failed to get text.
Elder J. A. Eudy—Jesus.
Elder D. R. Pyrtle—Who has believed our report.
Elder W. C. Whitley—The valley of dry bones.
Elder George Hill—Is there any consolation.
Benediction by Elder Hilton.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers and the Messengers and the members of the Abbott's Creek Primitive Baptist Associations, Greetings:

As I have been appointed by the association to write the circular letter, and as ever feeling my unworthiness today, I will make the attempt. I feel too little and too sinful to have this put on me, yet I want to be submissive, if it be the will of God to write. I have been taught, I hope by Grace that I cannot do anything, or write anything that would be comfort to God's children unless my pen is guided by the power of God. I feel like I get less all the time. But I feel like the more the Lord blesses us, the smaller we feel, and everything that God blesses the church to do for me, the less I feel. But as the Apostle Paul said, "By the grace of God, I am what I am." If it had not been for the grace and mercy of our God, we would all be lost, world without end. But Jesus left heaven and came down

to this earth, and suffered, bled and died for His people. And we hope that we poor sinners are in that number He shed His blood for. Jesus is all our salvation, He is all of our duty. He is all of our obedience. He has everything in His bountiful storehouse, that His children stand in need of. And we will receive every blessing at His Own appointed time, when He sees fit to give it to us. It is not in man to live, move, or have a being, or to direct his steps, and there is no right in people, only what God puts in them. But what God does it is done right, it makes no difference what we think, say, or do about it. God is righteous, just, and holy in all of His works and ways. God is above all laws, therefore He does as He pleases, and does not ask any man the reason why. He works and none can hinder, and hinders and none can work. He is God and beside Him there is no other Saviour, there is no power but of God, without God there could not have been anything. He loves His chosen and called people, and hated the rest. For the children, not yet being born, neither having done good or evil that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth. Romans 9th and 11th. As it is written, "Jacob have I loved, and Esau have I hated." Romans 9th and 15th. "What shall we say then, is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid." This is too much for poor me. But the Scripture talking to the church, to let the least one among you be your servant, and I feel to be the least, and hope I am an humble servant, determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus and Him cricified, the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the only Way. He is the only Truth. He is the only Life. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is death.

And we must die to our works to know God. Jesus said, As thou hast given Him power over all flesh that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast givenHim. John 17th and 2, third verse "And this is life eternal that they might know the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent." Ninth verse, "I pray for them, I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine." Tenth verse, "And all Mine are Thine and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them." Sixteenth verse, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

I will close, brethren. If any good is in this, the Lord has all the glory, if any wrong, charge it to me, and I will not think the the least bit hard about it.

Your least brother and humble servant I hope, and submissive, when made submissive by the grace and power and mercy of God. W. E. JARRELL.

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Oak Grove	W. M. Freeman, T. L. Beck, Jesse Callahan	2				1			31	22.50
Brush Creek	Represented by contribution									5.00
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Pierce's Chapel	Elder W. E. Jarrell, Sisters Hattie Small, Alma Jarrell								6	5.00
Lamm's Grove	R. D. Comer, D. M. Denny, J. A. Smith	9							71	25.00
Suggs Creek	W. N. Lanier, Eneas Sikes, George Davis							1	24	33.25
Rock Hill	Lonnie Dunn, J. N. Trogdon, W. H. Trogdon	4							21	21.00
Big Creek	Not represented									
Lexington	C. G. Jones, R. D. Snider, W. Humphries				1				9	6.00
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2. After intermission of one hour. the messengers from the several churches met in the house. Elder J. H. Gentry opened the Association with song and prayr.

3. The letters from the churches were read and contents noted.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

5. Moved and seconded the letters be received and the messengers seatd.

6. Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum.

7. Elected Brother Jesse Tregdon Moderator.

8. Elected Brother R. L. Comer Clerk and Elder S. T. Atkinson, assistant.

9. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats the following were present and seated.

From Contentnea: None.

From Elkhorn: Minutes.

From Lower Country Line: Elder F. W. Rhodes, Brother A. J. Hill and Brother George Walker and wife.

From Lower Mayo: Elders N. L. Gilbert, Zeb Rhodes, J. W. Pucket and W. H. Freeman.

From Bear Creek: Elders H. .S. Williams, J. A. Eudy, Brother Atlas Broadway and others.

From Black Creek: None.

From Upper Country Line: Brother C. S. Carroll and wife.

From Laurel Springs: Elders J. H. Gentry, Sam White, Jesse Dunbar, and Brother George Throckmorton.

From Mill Branch: Brother S.G. Norris and Sister Wright.

From Pigg River: None.

From Staunton River: None.

From Salem: Elders D. G. Staples, D. R. Pyrtle, Z. L. Rhue, Brother Payne and others.

From Seven Mile: Brethern N. T. Whittington and B. L. Godwin and wife.

From Zion: None.

From Little River: Elder Floyd Adams and Brother J. J. Batton.

From New River: None.

From White Oak: Elder Batchelor.

From Smith River: None.

From Yellow River: Elder H. O. Nash was seated. We voted to send minutes to T. R. Breedlove, Clerk, Monroe, Ga

10. Elders Frank Keaton and Zeb Rhodes were sent to the stand to preach.

11. Agreed Moderator make all temporary appointments.

12. The appointments were made as follows: Committee on Arrangements, Brethren W. M. Freeman. Wade Barnes and J. A. Snider.

13. Preaching Committee: Brother C. O. Gallimore and Elder W. E. Jarrell.

Finance Committee: Brethren Lee Snider and A. D. Harward.

14. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

15. Agreed that the next Association be held with the Church at Lamm's Grove in Moore county, located six miles east of Carthage on Highway 27 and 12 miles west from Sanford, Nos. 1 and 27.

Elder S. T. Atkinson is to preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. E. Jarrell is his alternate.

16. Agreed that we adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28

17. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder N. B. Gilbert.

18. Called messengers and noted absentees.

19. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. The report was received and committee discharged.

20. Called on Corresponding Messengers to report; some reported and those who did not were excused.

21. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations as follows:

To Seven Mile: Elder W. E. Jerrell, and Brother Jesse Trogdon.

To Bear Creek: Brethren Jesse Trogdon, W. N. Lanier, and Elder W. E. Jerrell.

To Lower Mayo: Elder S. T. Atkinson and Brother R. L. Comer and wife and Brother Jesse Trogdon.

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To Zion: Minutes.

22. The Circular Letter was read and ordered printed in the Minutes.

23. Appointed Brother Jesse Callahan to write the Circular letter for the next Association.

24. Called on Finance Committee to report. The report is as follows:

Sent in from the Churches		$148.50
Carried over from 1949		208.00
Given by brethren, sisters and friends		77.20
		$433.70
Divided among visiting ministers	$250.00	
For printisg Minutes	50.00	
Mailing postage 1949-1950	12.00	
	$312.00	$312.00
Balance in hands of Clerk		$121.70

26. Called on presbyteries to report; none to report.

28. Resolved that we extend thanks to God for His wonderful blessings and mercies shown us during our Association; also to thank the friends and neighbors for their every act of kindness shown us.

29. After Minutes were read and received by the Association, we adjourned to time and place appointed.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Frank Keaton—Text, I come not to do My own will.
Elder Zeb Rhodes—Text, The foundation of God standeth sure.
Elder Puckett—Text, I thank Thee, Father, etc.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder Jesse Dusarb opened services by song and prayer
Elder H. S. Williams—Text. Isaiaha 32:3.
Elder James H. Gentry—No special text.
Elder Fred Rhodes—Text, Isaiah 14:24.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Elder G. D. Staples—Text, Psalms 81:10.
Elder J. C. Dunbar—Text, Eph. second chapter.
Elder J. A. Eudy—No special text.
Elder Z. L. Rhue—Text, We are encompassed about.

MONDAY MORNING

Elder J. J. Batchelor—No special text.
Elder Jimmy Jones—(Failed to get text.)
Elder H. O. Nash—Text, Psalms 19:7-19.
Elder Floyd Adams—Text, Isaiah 41:17-18.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Saints of the Lord:

According to your choosing at the last sitting of this Association of this one to write the Circular Letter for this 1950 gathering I find, feelingly, that you have selected the more ignorant and most sure the weakest member and at times this has been no small concern to me. In my attempts I find myself witnessing with the Apostle that without Christ I can do nothing. Not havig a ywisdom of my own or any goods to bring forth I am caused to look and cry unto the Lord for inspiration, surely no man has ever written to the comfort and edification of the Saints except by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Jesus being the only source of life I find that through Him all strength must come and no man has hope without the mercy of this righteous One. How well it was said that in Him we live, and move, and have our being. According to my experience I am made to see that at my very best in the sight of this Sovereign God I am no more than as filthy rags and left with nothing to hope for but the pure and free blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for my justification if I have any. From a small child I've felt the desire to live in a righteous manner and tried to fulfill it with all the strength I had only to fall far short and learn from the belly of hell that only by the grace of God could a man be saved from the wrath to come. The Apostle said by inspiration, For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do; how well the children of grace have been taught that it's not in man to direct his steps. For by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

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Gaines' Grove	D. T. Gaines, C. P. Phillips. A. D, Stutts	3						1	11	$ 10.00
Lamm's Grove	H. R. Bryant. A. D. Harward, Annison Smith	1	3				1	2	71	$ 20.00
Brush Creek	Brother H. W. Johnson—By contribution									$ 3.00
			7	2	4	1	2	5	201	$148.50